dated 7th June, 1988, the IJMA has requested for grant of various facilities for export. They have asked for the supply of jute to mills by the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) at international ruling prices and/or support price fixed by the Government of India for raw jute.

(b) The Jute Corporation of India has been regularly supplying raw jute to the mills, according to their requirements, both from buffer stock and the stock with the Corporation. The Government has also taken various measures from time to time to increase exports of jute goods, which include, amongst others,

(i) Setting up of Jute Manufacture Development Council;

(ii) Introduction of Export Price Stabilization Fund Scheme;

(iii) Introduction of new rates of Cash Compensatory Support with effect from 1-7-1986;

(iv) STC-Jute Industry Consortium on 50/50 loss sharing basis for export of carpet backing cloth to North American Markets; and

(v) Scheme of buffer stocking of raw jute to contain fluctuation in raw jute prices.

Income-tax claim against the Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Department and Essential Commodities Corporation

2386. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has made a claim of Rs. 40 crore towards income-tax from the Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Department and Essential Commodities Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government has protested against this claim; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Department being a department of Government is not taxable under the Income-tax Act. However, income-tax demand of Rs. 6.10 crores and Rs. 15.40 crores for Assessment Year 1985-86 is outstanding against Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Corporation and Andhra Pradesh Essential Commodities Corporation respectively. The demands have arisen from assessment of the two Corporations under the provisions of Income-tax Act. No protest against the demand has been received by the Income-tax Department from the State Govt. However, the Corporations have disputed the demand before the Commissioner (Appeal) and requested for stay of recovery of demand. Recovery of demand from A.P. Essential Commodities Corporation has been stayed until decision of Appeal or 30-9-1988, whichever is earlier. Stay petition of Civil Supplies Corporation is under consideration by the Commissioner.

Restructuring of SCICI

2387. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to restructure SCICI to make it accessible to small entrepreneurs engaged in fishing; and

(b) whether it is a fact that SCICI is only interested in catering to shipping companies and large units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) has been structured to cater to *inter-alia* the needs of the deep sea fishing industry. SCICI has been considering loan proposals from both shipping and fishing companies. During the period upto 30th June, 1988, SCICI has sanctioned assistance to 24 fishing companies for acquisition of 46 deep sea fishing vessels, including one large purse-seiner and one long liner.